

REMARKS

It is asserted in the Office Action that the reply filed on 12 November 2004 appears to be *bona fide* although the amendment to the claims do not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the status of the claims, namely 3-32, are improper. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), Applicant resubmits claims 1, 2, and 3-32 with proper claim identifiers fully responsive to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c).

In particular, with respect to claims 3-32, the status prior to Applicant's most recent amendment was withdrawn, has been changed to "withdrawn – currently amended" with respect to the claims amended in the amendment filed November 12, 2004. For the remaining claims the status is set forth as previously presented. It is noted that in Applicant's prior response, claims 6 and 13-16 the status is indicated as "original." However, since, at that time, their status was withdrawn, their status should have been shown as "previously presented" which status is shown in the present amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1 - 32 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

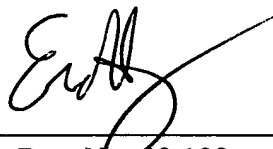
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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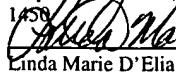


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